

QUARTERLY REPORT
To The
U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Portland Harbor Joint Source Control Strategy
PERIOD ENDING September 30, 2006

PROJECT SUMMARY

Management Assistance Project

Cooperative Agreement No. V-00071807-0

Portland Harbor Joint Source Control Strategy

DEQ Project Manager: *Karen Tarnow* (note change from last period)

PROJECT REPORTING DATE

July 1 through September 30, 2006

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Task 1: Project Management

- Conducted necessary planning and administration activities to enable successful implementation of the Joint Source Control Strategy (JSCS), including ongoing identification and resolution of issues, and communicating with EPA managers.
- Continued meetings with EPA and the City of Portland to better define the approach for evaluating and controlling the stormwater pathway as described in the JSCS.
- Met with EPA on August 18 and September 21 to discuss EPA comments on the March 2006 Milestone Report and various other issues related to Portland Harbor source control. We now plan to meet with EPA on a monthly basis to discuss source-control work.

Task 2: Strategy Implementation

- Continued training for DEQ project managers on implementation of the JSCS to ensure that it is implemented fully and consistently in individual upland source-control projects.
- Worked on an individual basis with DEQ project managers to provide technical guidance as needed, oversee JSCS implementation, and identify and resolve issues.
- Coordinated with facilities within Portland Harbor to initiate stormwater characterization and screening this fall.
- Held two stormwater evaluation workshops in July for facilities within Portland Harbor and consultants.

Task 3: Reporting

- Submitted the second Milestone Report (June 2006) to EPA on July 3, 2006. Made copies for Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group members and other upon request.

Task 4: Strategy Revision

- No revision of the JSCS was needed in this period.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

DEQ is finding that its level of effort on this project is exceeding its projections from last spring. Some reasons include the substantial effort in: 1) modifying and updating the Milestone reports; 2) ensuring comprehensive and consistent implementation of the JSCS in upland projects; 3) further developing and implementing a stormwater evaluation approach for source control; 4) integrating upland source control and in-water RI/FS; 5) meeting bi-weekly with EPA and the City of Portland regarding source control/stormwater; 6) initiating DEQ/EPA/partner monthly meetings regarding upland source control; and 7) additional efforts working with EPA source-control staff. It is DEQ's expectation that this high level of effort will continue, because of the increased intensity of source-control work at Portland Harbor sites and the resulting need to devote more time to interagency coordination. Therefore, DEQ is likely to need additional funding to carry out all activities associated with this project through June 30, 2007. DEQ will communicate more specific funding needs with EPA over the next several months, including an evaluation of funding options and contingencies.

PROJECT ISSUE SUMMARY

The June 2006 Milestone Report identifies and describes the following issues:

- Moving certain projects through the source-control process
- Completing source control at the Gasco site
- DEQ staff resource limitations
- Stormwater investigations and site-discovery efforts
- Stormwater evaluation and control
- Developing a long-term stormwater solution

For more information see pages 7 through 10 of the June 2006 Milestone Report at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/nwr/PortlandHarbor/JSCS.htm>.

ACTIONS NEXT QUARTER

- Continue comprehensive, consistent implementation of the JSCS.
- Hold monthly meetings with EPA to discuss source-control work in Portland Harbor.
- Hold bi-weekly meeting with EPA & City to discuss integration of upland source control (focusing on stormwater pathway) & in-water RI/FS.
- Coordinate with facilities in Portland Harbor to conduct stormwater characterization and screening this fall.
- Begin preparation of third Milestone Report (to be submitted to EPA in December 2006).
- New DEQ PM for Management Assistance Project will be Karen Tarnow. Mikell O'Mealy has taken a new temporary assignment outside the Portland Harbor project.

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